5 **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

An audio user interface is provided in which items are represented in an audio field by corresponding synthesized sound sources from where sounds related to the items appear to

10 emanate. At least some of the sound sources are associated in a collection as members of the collection; the collection itself has an associated collection-representing sound source. The collection can be changed in either direction between an un-collapsed state in which the member sound sources are present un-muted in the audio field, and a collapsed state in which the member sound sources are muted with the collection-representing sound source

15 providing an audible presence for the collection in the audio field.